

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-00374-APM**

AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE v.  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE et al  
Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/19/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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**Defendant****UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/19/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5337883) filed by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Department of State, # <u>3</u> Summons Department of Justice, # <u>4</u> Summons Federal Bureau of Investigation, # <u>5</u> Summons Department of Treasury, # <u>6</u> Summons, # <u>7</u> Summons)(Southerland, Abigail) (Attachment 1 replaced on 2/20/2018) (jd). (Entered: 02/19/2018)
02/19/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (jd) (Entered: 02/20/2018)
02/20/2018	<u>2</u>	Corporate Disclosure Statement by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 02/20/2018)
02/20/2018	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Carly F. Gammill on behalf of AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (Gammill, Carly) (Entered: 02/20/2018)
02/21/2018	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (6) Issued Electronically as to FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(jd) (Entered: 02/21/2018)
02/27/2018	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Stuart J. Roth on behalf of AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (Roth, Stuart) (Entered: 02/27/2018)
02/28/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 02/22/2018. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 02/28/2018)

02/28/2018	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 2/22/2018 (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 02/28/2018)
02/28/2018	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 2/22/2018 (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 02/28/2018)
02/28/2018	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION served on 2/22/2018 (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 02/28/2018)
02/28/2018	<u>10</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY served on 2/22/2018 (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 02/28/2018)
03/16/2018	<u>11</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 2/22/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 3/24/2018. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 03/16/2018)
03/26/2018	<u>12</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY.(Baer, Michael) Modified to add link on 3/27/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 03/26/2018)
03/28/2018	<u>13</u>	ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before April 11, 2018. See attached Order for details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 03/28/2018. (lcapm3) (Main Document 13 replaced on 3/29/2018) (zcdw). (Entered: 03/28/2018)
03/29/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/11/2018. (mac) (Entered: 03/29/2018)
04/11/2018	<u>14</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Benjamin Paul Sisney on behalf of AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 04/11/2018)
04/11/2018	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 04/11/2018)
04/13/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of <u>15</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, the parties shall submit a subsequent status report on or before May 11, 2018. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 04/13/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 04/13/2018)
04/13/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Parties' status report due by 5/11/2018 (zcdw) (Entered: 04/14/2018)
05/11/2018	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. (Baer, Michael) (Entered: 05/11/2018)
05/14/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of <u>16</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, the parties shall submit a subsequent status report on or before June 11, 2018. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 05/14/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 05/14/2018)
05/14/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/11/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 05/15/2018)
05/14/2018		ENTERED IN ERROR.....Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant's Supplement to 43 Motion for Summary Judgment due by 5/25/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 05/15/2018)
05/15/2018		NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: Please disregard the erroneously filed deadline for Defendant's Supplemental Memorandum. (zjd) (Entered: 05/15/2018)
06/11/2018	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. (Baer, Michael) (Entered: 06/11/2018)

06/12/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>17</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall submit a subsequent status report on or before July 11, 2018. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 06/12/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 06/12/2018)
06/12/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/11/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 06/13/2018)
07/11/2018	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. (Baer, Michael) (Entered: 07/11/2018)
07/12/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall appear for a status hearing in this matter on July 20, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. in Courtroom 10. In the event counsel or a party is unable to appear on the scheduled date and time due to an unresolvable scheduling conflict, counsel shall meet and confer and provide, via email, two alternative dates and times to the Courtroom Deputy Clerk, Mr. Jean Claude Douyon (Jean-Claude_Douyon@dcd.uscourts.gov), who shall reset the status hearing and provide notice to the parties. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 07/12/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 07/12/2018)
07/12/2018		Set/Reset Hearings: Status Conference set for 7/20/2018 at 11:00 AM in Courtroom 10 before Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zjd) (Entered: 07/13/2018)
07/20/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Pursuant to the Initial Scheduling Conference held on this date, the parties shall submit a subsequent status report on or before August 25, 2018. Defendants' counsel is instructed to advise the court in the joint status report as to whether State and Treasury will process potentially responsive records at a rate of 500 pages per month. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 07/20/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 07/20/2018)
07/20/2018		Minute Entry: Status Conference held on 7/20/2018 before Judge Amit P. Mehta: See Minute Entry previously entered today. (Court Reporter William Zarembo) (tb) (Entered: 07/20/2018)
07/23/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 8/25/2018. (tb) (Entered: 07/23/2018)
08/16/2018	<u>19</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. Attorney Carly F. Gammill terminated. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 08/16/2018)
08/24/2018	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. (Baer, Michael) (Entered: 08/24/2018)
08/27/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall submit a subsequent Joint Status Report on or before September 24, 2018, advising the court of their progress. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 08/27/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 08/27/2018)
08/27/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/24/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 08/28/2018)
08/28/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/24/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 08/28/2018)
08/30/2018	<u>21</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Olivia F. Summers on behalf of All Plaintiffs (Summers, Olivia) (Entered: 08/30/2018)
09/24/2018	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. (Baer, Michael) (Entered: 09/24/2018)
09/27/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>22</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another Joint Status Report, on or before October 24, 2018, advising the court of their progress. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 09/27/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 09/27/2018)
09/27/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/24/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 09/27/2018)

10/24/2018	<u>23</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by Michael Hendry Baer (Baer, Michael) (Entered: 10/24/2018)
10/24/2018	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. (Baer, Michael) (Entered: 10/24/2018)
10/25/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>24</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another Joint Status Report, on or before December 20, 2018, advising the court of their progress. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/25/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 10/25/2018)
10/25/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/20/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 10/25/2018)
12/20/2018	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. (Baer, Michael) (Entered: 12/20/2018)
12/21/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>25</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another Joint Status Report, on or before February 20, 2019, advising the court of their progress. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 12/21/2018. (Entered: 12/21/2018)
12/21/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/20/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
02/20/2019	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. (Baer, Michael) (Entered: 02/20/2019)
02/21/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>25</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another Joint Status Report, on or before April 22, 2019, advising the court about ongoing search and production efforts. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 02/21/2019. (lcapm3) (Entered: 02/21/2019)
02/21/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/22/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 03/07/2019)
04/22/2019	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 04/22/2019)
04/23/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>27</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another Joint Status Report, on or before June 24, 2019, advising the court about ongoing search and production efforts. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 04/23/2019. (lcapm3) (Entered: 04/23/2019)
04/23/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/24/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 04/25/2019)
06/24/2019	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. (Baer, Michael) (Entered: 06/24/2019)